

REMARKS

The Office allows claims 1-6 indicating the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, so that prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. Claims 1-6 (1 independent claims; 6 total claims) remain pending in the application. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, a full listing of the claims is included, including the formatting amendment to claim 1.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the above formalities is thus requested. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if he or she has any questions whatsoever regarding this Response or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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